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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.



For United States Senator,
J. C. W. BECKHAM.

AS TO MT. STERLING.

The writer, B. W. Trimble, was on a trip to Sharpsburg and Bethel on Wednesday of last week. He stopped first in Sharpsburg, and had not long been there until he learned that many citizens of that town and immediate vicinity felt unkindly toward some of the people of our city. One gentleman asked if we had seen an article in the Bath County World. We answered no, and expressed a wish to see it. He then went to the World office for a copy. Here is the article:

Are Mt. Sterling merchants antagonistic to the Society of Equity? Persistent rumors are afloat in this community to the effect that the merchants of Mt. Sterling are turning their backs on the cause for which the farmers are fighting; that they openly declare that the Society of Equity has lost its fight in the battle for its just rights with the tobacco trust. It is reported that Mt. Sterling is not only full of armed guards, but that nearly every merchant there has placed shotguns and rifles in his store, ready for action, in anticipation of a visit from the night riders of Bath county, the merchants claiming that all the night-riding sentiment in the surrounding neighborhood is the result of the efforts of the Equity farmers in and near Sharpsburg.

Equity farmers here have not indulged in any acts of lawlessness. Two buyers in this end of the county have been asked to no buy tobacco. These buyers were waited on by a committee of twenty-five men selected at a meeting in Sharpsburg. They went to these buyers openly and in the day time, no threats at any time being made. One buyer agreed to buy no more until January 15, and not after that if no one else is buying in the county. The other buyer said he would continue to buy.

Some time ago a small band of men did, at night, notify several farmers, anti-pool men, not to dispose of their 1907 crop of tobacco. This is the only time night riders have been active in this community or in Bath county.

Is it possible that Mt. Sterling merchants have armed themselves, fearing an attack from Bath county night riders, on such a flimsy pretext as the foregoing facts? Night guards have held up several men from Bath county, seemingly seeing suspicion in the acts of every Bath county man that enters the town limits of Mt. Sterling.

These things tend to show up Bath county people in a bad light and are not justifiable, to say the least. If the merchants of Mt. Sterling are so suspicious of farmers in this section because of their loyalty to the Society of Equity which is so vital to the interest of the farmers here, the Equity people have just as much to fear from Mt. Sterling merchants who are doing everything in their power to protect the non-Equity buyers in Mt. Sterling, thus contributing

their approval to the tobacco trust by taking sides against the Equity men. Their every effort in this way inures to the benefit of the American Tobacco Company.

If these reports as to the actions of Mt. Sterling merchants be true, then the flood of circulars which they are pouring into Bath county, soliciting customers from this community to bring their cash and come to them for big bargains, should be ignored and not a single dollar be thrown in their way. Why should a single penny of the hard-earned money of a Bath county farmer, the fruit of the sweat of his honest brow, inure to the benefit of any merchant, or set of merchants, whose every act is a slap at the farmer's interest, a barrier to his progress, and a bar to the attainment of his just rights?

Every farmer in the Society of Equity should seek to find out whether these well-founded rumors as to the acts of Mt. Sterling merchants are absolute facts; and if they are, to pass by those merchants and seek bargains in merchandise at the counters of those whose interests are not antagonistic to their own.—An Equity Sympathizer in the Bath County World, Sharpsburg, Dec. 20, 1907.

We read it for the first time. Our friends were evidently much incensed at the merchants of Mt. Sterling. They based their grievance especially upon three causes: A circular issued by the Montgomery Protective Association, of which C. T. Wilson is president, issued at the time when guards were first placed over the warehouses here; again they said they had heard that the Mt. Sterling merchants and clerks were armed with guns to resist raiders from Sharpsburg precinct; again the business men of our city were antagonistic to the organization of tobacco growers.

In substance we replied that Mr. Wilson was a detective, had been employed evidently by owners of the tobacco warehouses, and that the other business men had nothing to do with it and did not know of its issuance.

In regard to merchants and clerks being armed, we replied that if such were a fact we had never heard of it, that we frequently came in contact with the business men of our city and had some opportunity to learn of this if such conditions existed. They (on Wednesday) said they had heard that on Monday night many men had been sworn in as special guards and that two young men of this city had been chased home at 11 o'clock on Monday night to avoid being pressed into service. We answered that on Tuesday morning we heard the Mayor say that he had not had men sworn in for special service, although appealed to by some owners of tobacco. We told them that in our brief stay in Sharpsburg we had heard more about this rumored paid and tobacco troubles than we had heard in Mt. Sterling since the beginning of troubles over tobacco.

We did not try to conceal the fact that the warehouses here are guarded, and told them that under similar circumstances relative to their homes they would be apt to do the same.

Relative to the attitude of our business men to the Equity we did not admit that the accusation in the World was true, but we stated that, judging from what we had heard, a large part, probably a majority, of the tobacco growers of Montgomery county had not pooled their tobacco.

We could have stated as we now say, that we are now of the opinion that Mt. Sterling business men

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have been and are now ready to co-operate with the tobacco growers in advancing the interest of tobacco growers.

As the writer on Thursday returned from Bethel and Moorefield he stopped in Sharpsburg and met several gentlemen in Citizens Bank. Of course their grievances were the chief topic. Our conference was frank, free and friendly, fuller than on previous day.

The writer did not hesitate to say that the guarding of Mt. Sterling warehouses by owners thereof was prudent, reasonable and justifiable in view of what had occurred at Hopkinsville, Russellville and at Bethel in their own Bath county and within sight of Sharpsburg (where Robertson tobacco warehouse had been burned and where the Peters Bros. store and contents had gone up in smoke. See Facts and Observations.)

MISCELLANEOUS.

On Wednesday night at a meeting of City Council a few guards were appointed.

Our city has in a small way done what other towns anticipating trouble have done.

Guards are on duty to protect warehouses from raiders coming from our own or any other county.

We hope that the conference between the Equity Society and American Tobacco Company and the turmoil and strife between citizens in various sections of Kentucky will soon result in an agreement on price and reconciliation, and that the growers of tobacco may receive a satisfactory price for their product.

EQUALITY.

In this issue is an article headed: "The Vice of Two Worlds."

Read it and then consider this editorial in Courier-Journal of Monday:

"Hasn't a woman the same right as a man to blow smoke if she enjoys it?" asks a champion of women's rights.

Unquestionably Every woman has a perfect right to smoke cigarettes, cigars or a pipe, to chew "fine cut" or "long green," to eat limburger cheese, onions and garlic, and to pursue all the pleasures of the palate in accordance with the dictates of her appetites. She also has legal and moral rights equal with those of the lords of creation to guzzle mixed drinks until the electroliter looks like the aurora borealis, and have herself hauled home in a cab."

No doubt many readers of the Courier-Journal will regret the flippant and fun making, not to say coarse manner in which that paper deals with questions of vital interest to men and women. It indicates a moral looseness and debased conceptions on the part of the writer. He trifles with decency, morality and sobriety.

We might expect better from a great paper like the Courier-Journal.

"God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

In their relation to each other,

to society and to himself God has given laws, precepts and a life for the perpetuation of the race in righteousness and the divine image, and for their reclamation when the beauty of the divine image has been marred by sin or thoughtless and perverted indulgence.

The highest law by which men are to be guided is the will of God. What He sanctions is right and for the upbuilding of man; what he forbids is wrong and for the degradation of man, the desires, tendencies, will and decrees of human councils, the dictates "of society" to the contrary. A recognition of and compliance with that divine will is the safety of the individual and the race.

The Book does not restrain woman from thoughts, words and actions and permit man to indulge in the same thoughts, words or actions. What is wrong and debasing for a woman is in the sight of God wrong and debasing for a man and should so be regarded by society. To be pointed—why should a Mt. Sterling husband stand on the street, "chaw backer," spout profanity and vulgarity and then expect his wife to be an "angel?" Why should a Mt. Sterling man frequent saloons, drink to drunkenness and then "have a fit" if his wife should claim and exercise such privilege for herself? Why should a Mt. Sterling man, single or married, frequent the abode of the unfortunate woman and then expect his sister, daughter or wife to be as white as the lily, as pure as the driven snow?

To us it has seemed that what is good, right, permissible, obligatory on woman should so be for the man.

Men quit your meanness. These are plain words. They tell of facts in many homes. You may be disposed to say, such insinuations are unfit for a decent paper, read by our wives and daughters, yet you embody them in your daily lives and still think you should be regarded as respectable.

It is now conceded that Judge E. C. O'Rear will have a clear field to succeed himself as Judge of the Court of Appeals.

Mrs. B. F. Pratt, of Jeffersonville, has bought the Barney Campbell residence for \$1800 through T. F. Rogers.

Heart Strength

Heart Strength, or Heart Weakness, means Nerve Strength, or Nerve Weakness—nothing more. Positively, not one weak heart in a hundred is, in itself, actually diseased. It is almost always a hidden tiny little nerve that really is all at fault. This obscure nerve—the Cardiac, or Heart Nerve—simply needs, and must have, more power, more stability, more controlling, more governing strength. Without that the Heart must continue to fail, and the stomach and kidneys also have these same controlling nerves.

Dr. Shoop's Restorative

F. C. DUERSON.

GREAT SAVING

In Printing Bills of State in
Nineteen Months.

A special from Frankfort to the Courier-Journal of January 8, says: Thousands of dollars have been saved the State in printing under the administration of J. W. Hedden, State Printing Commissioner, according to his report, which he has completed and will send to the Governor. During the last nineteen months, the time Mr. Hedden has been in office, the expenditures for printing have been \$58,941.92, as compared with \$79,869.05 during the same period just prior. This means a saving in the nineteen months of \$20,927.14 on printing.

A map, which cost \$5,000, showing the geology of Kentucky and which had to be duplicated, was duplicated by Mr. Hedden at a total cost of \$761. Two maps, one for the Railroad Commission, and the other for the Commissioner of Agriculture, which cost \$2,800, were duplicated by the Printing Commissioner for \$625. This showed a total saving of more than \$8,000 on maps alone. Mr. Hedden holds his position for four years and expects to save the State further money. He also expects to put the printing business in better shape.

Our Accounts

Are now Ready

And all of those
owing us will
please call and
settle, as we
Need our Money

S. P. GREENWADE

W. F. BLACK DIES IN CHICAGO.

Christian Church Pastor Born in Kentucky.

Prof. W. F. Black, for the past seventeen years pastor of the Central Church of Christ, died at his home, 3105 Calumet avenue, in Chicago, on Sunday. Prof. Black was one of the best known men in the Christian Church. He was born at Moorefield, Ky., December 10, 1840. His wife and two sons, Horace, of Nashville, Tenn., and Fred, president of the Fred W. Black Lumber Company, of Chicago, survive him.

You have heard of, you have seen big sales of merchandise. Open the pages of the Advocate and there is a SALE.

Major Wood Seeks Reappointment.

Maj. A. T. Wood, Pension Agent at Louisville, was in Washington on Sunday to see the President. His four-year term expires next month and he is a candidate for reappointment. There is no other applicant for the office. The President has declared his intention of reappointing him.

One-third off regular prices on any Suit or Overcoat at Walsh Bros. for a limited time.

Want Federal Court in Jackson.

The House Judiciary Committee will probably favorably report Representative Langley's bill, designating Jackson, Ky., as an additional place of holding court in the Eastern Kentucky district.

T. F. Rogers, real-estate broker, has down town city property in his hands for sale from \$400 up.

FACTS & OBSERVATIONS

Burning of Warehouse and Store at Bethel.

For several years the writer has been making 2 to 4 visits yearly to Sharpsburg, Bethel, Moorefield and surrounding country in the interest of his paper. On Wednesday and Thursday of last week he was in that section. The chief topics discussed by the citizens of Sharpsburg were the various phases of the tobacco situation, more or less involving the citizens of Mt. Sterling; at Bethel the chief topic was the burning of the Robertson warehouse and Peters store at Bethel by raiders on Monday night.

From what we heard, the facts of the burning are about as follows:

The riders, about 20 in number, entered the town on the pike leading from Mt. Sterling to Maysville, they came quietly, stopped in front of the warehouse, at least a part of them dismounted, went to front door, poured on coal oil, touched a match and waited until they saw that the building could not be saved by citizens, then said they would give Mr. Peters of Peters Bros., a chance to save some of his effects; passed on through town on same pike and at edge of town turned on intersecting pike leading to the left.

As the Peters Bros. store was only about 21 feet from the warehouse there was no chance to save it. The citizens who were aroused after the riders left town worked heroically to save stores nearby and succeeded.

LOSSES.

The Robertson warehouse was 40x86 feet, with an 18 ft. shed. The value, estimated by some at \$1500, by others at less amount, was covered by insurance. There was in it about 10,000 pounds of pooled tobacco and 20,000 lbs. non-pooled. No report as to insurance.

Peters Bros. store valued at \$1500 was insured for \$500; the contents valued at \$4,000 insured for \$2,000.

Wm. P. Baird, a butcher, lost his equipment valued at about \$100.

DAUGHERTY WAREHOUSE.

T. J. Daugherty's warehouse at or near Sherburne, was burned same night, presumably by different raiders than those who were at Bethel. His warehouse valued at \$900, not including equipment, was insured. It contained about 20,000 lbs.

At Bethel a Teachers' Bible Study Training Class has been organized and will meet every two weeks. There were thirteen charter members, with prospects for great growth.

On Thursday morning we stopped at Wm. Durham's; found his wife in bed sick with grip. They were so insistent that we should partake of "ham two years old" etc., we promised to stop returning from Moorefield. We stopped. Wm. and the writer tarried long at the festal board (of course he did most of the eating, with much talk as a spice). We listened and commented now and then and enjoyed the good things. The "latch string" always hangs out and we pull it every trip, even as we do in passing the home of J. R. Shrout on previous day.

At Sharpsburg we met several gentlemen who freely and frankly and kindly conferred with us about their troubles (see editorial). We called at Wm. Withers' to greet the bride and groom, Rev. Milne and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Withers were both in bed quite sick with grip.

We are tempted to comment on turnpikes under the new system brought by turnpike raiders, but desist by saying: Their glory lingers — in spots.

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